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SUBJECT: ERDA-PNC WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

REFS: 1) TOKYO 9374; 2) STATE 051633; 3) JUNE 15 LTR HENoch-
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1. EMBOFF MET WITH NAKAMURA (PNC PROGRAM MANAGER REPROCESSING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT) AND SAKAKURA (PNC REPROCESSING DIV) TO DISCUSS STATUS PNC WASTE MGMT PROGRAM AND STATUS ERDA-PNC WASTE MGMT AGREEMENT.

2. SAKAKURA USING ERDA-7643 AS BASE FOR DEVELOPMENT JAPANESE WASTE STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, BUT MOST CONCERNED ABOUT ABSENCE STABLE GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS SUCH AS SALT BEDS FOR PERMANENT RADIOACTIVE WASTE STORAGE IN JAPAN. SITUATION FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS WITH BNFL-COGEA WHO ARE: 1) RAISING PRICE REPROCESSING SERVICES, 2) TAKING EVEN FIRMER STAND ON RETURNING WASTE MATERIALS.

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3. JAERI DOING SMALL STUDY RADIOACTIVE WASTE MGMT PLANT IN CONJUNCTION WITH TOKAI-MURA REPROCESSING FACILITY USING BITUMIZATION PROCESS AND PNC HAS CONTACTED BELGO-NUCLEAIRE FOR CONSIDERATION DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION OF SAME.

4. PNC HAS CONSULTED AIRCO ON RECOVERY KR AND XE AND PLANS NEGOTIATE PRIME WITH KOBE STEEL, SUB WITH AIRCO TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT CRYOGENIC KR AND XE RECOVERY PLANT FROM TOKAI REPROCESSING FACILITY OFF-GAS. DESIGN CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED; CONSTRUCTION NOT YET AUTHORIZED.

5. WHILE PNC AS YET HAS NO CHARTER FOR WASTE MGMT ACTIVITY, HOPES TO DEVELOP SAME AFTER TAMIYA RETURN FROM DENVER WASTE MANAGEMENT MEETING. PNC EXPECTS JAEC AD HOC COMMITTEE ON WASTE MANAGEMENT TO COMPLETE INTERNAL REPORT ON ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE WASTE MGMT GROUP BY LATE JULY. BETWEEN COMMITTEE REPORT AND TAMIYA RETURN PNC EXPECTS SET UP TO BE ESTABLISHED BY LATE JULY.

6. AS INDICATED REF 1, NAKAMURA INVITED BY WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR NUCLEAR TECH DIV, AGNS, TO VISIT US AND DISCUSS SOLUTION TO DENITRATOR PROBLEM. NAKAMURA, UNABLE TO GET AWAY, SENDING NAKAJIMA. NAKAMURA ALSO INVITED WILLIAMS VISIT PNC PLANT, BUT WILLIAMS UNABLE TO ACCEPT BECAUSE OF PRESS OF OTHER WORK.

7. IN LIGHT REFS 2) AND 3), USG MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DISCUSSING ERDA-PNC REPROCESSING AGREEMENT WITH TAMIYA DURING DENVER MTG SO AS TO BEGIN TO GET WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT MOVING. PNC ANXIOUS TO DEVELOP COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BOTH FOR TECHNICAL AND FOR PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE PURPOSES.
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